



## Mrs. Joselyn Johnson

July 30, 1951 - August 6, 2025

JOHNSON, Mrs. Joselyn - Age 74, passed away Wednesday, August 6, 2025 at Regency of Grand Blanc. Family hour 10:00 AM Saturday, August 23, 2025 at St. James C.O.G.I.C., 2229 W. Carpenter Rd., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM. Pastor Robert Smith Jr., officiating. Interment River Rest Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10:00 AM Saturday, August 23, 2025. Mrs. Johnson will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd. and may be viewed Friday, August 22, 2025 from 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM. Missionary Joselyn Johnson slipped peacefully into the arms of her Savior early Wednesday morning, August 6, 2025, in the comfort of her bed. She was born July 30, 1951, in Richmond, Indiana, the only child of the union of Andrew Longmire and Carrie Lee Foster. At the age of two, she moved with her family to Flint, Michigan, where she matriculated through the Beecher School System, graduating from Beecher High School in 1969. Subsequently, she earned an Associate Degree in Applied Science from Mott Community College in 1980. In 1969, she married Robert Earl Martion Sr., and to this union was born her beloved, only son, Robert Earl Martion, Jr. In 1991, she married Deacon Burnal Johnson, with whom she shared 19 blissful years of love, gardening, cooking, and enjoying life until his passing in 2010. For decades, Joselyn dedicated her life to serving children and senior adults with mental and physical challenges as a Elementary School Paraprofessional and Direct Care provider. She had a heart for those Jesus called "the least of

these.” A true servant. She often mentioned that Mother Gilda Smith prophesied to her that she would be a caregiver for seniors, as she gladly came out of retirement to be a caregiver for Mother Smith recently, ushering her into heaven. She gave her life to Christ at an early age at St. James Church of God in Christ, 4401 Selby Street, and remained a faithful life-long member. She was a licensed missionary and served tirelessly in numerous capacities: custodian, deaconess, missionary, Sunday School teacher for over 40 years, church advisory mother, president of the Prayer and Bible Band, coordinator of the YWCC, Chief Conductor of visitation for the sick and shut-in, Director of Outreach Ministries at Slidell Homes, and President of the Church Beautification Committee. She also directed the children’s choir, The Angelic Voices. Her favorite scriptures were Proverbs 3:5-7, “Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD and depart from evil.” And Jeremiah 32:27, “I am the LORD... Is there anything too hard for Me?” Joselyn was known for her selflessness—always helping others, making custom blankets with scriptures, baking for loved ones, and sharing encouraging words. She never forgot special occasions, celebrating birthdays and anniversaries with thoughtful, loving gifts. She was a diehard fan of the University of Michigan. Her style was impeccable, her smile welcoming, and her personality full of sass. As she would say, “Sho’nuff!” Missionary Joselyn Johnson leaves to cherish her memory: her son, Deacon Robert Earl Martion Jr. (Dionne) of Flint, MI; special daughter, Devonne Smith (Jerome); grandchildren, Justice Martion, Deonte Gaddy, Quashawn Gaddy (Skai), Ramiah Martion, Isaiah Gaddy (“Can I, Can I”), Dylan Smith, and Davion Smith; great-grandchild, Solace Gaddy; brothers, Antoine Longmire (Tanya) of Calera, AL, Andre Longmire (Angelic) of Covington, GA, and Shango Chatman of Texas; sisters, April Warren of Flint, MI, and Courtney Brown of Flint, MI; Cousin, Jerry Marshall of Minnesota: special sister-in-love, Nadine Alexander of Flint, MI, and Special friend-Deacon, Vernon Stewart of Flint, MI, along with the New St. James Memorial

COGIC & White Cloud Empowerment Centers North/South family, and a host of other relatives, friends, and loved ones. Missionary Johnson was preceded in death by her father, Andrew Longmire; her mother, Carrie Lee Justice; and her husband, Deacon Bernal Johnson. Her legacy of faith, service, and unconditional love will continue to shine brightly in the hearts of all who knew her.

# Cemetery Details

## River Rest Cemetery

G-4413 Flushing Rd.  
Flint, MI 48504

# Previous Events

## Viewing

**AUG 22.** 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Chapel, Flint  
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.  
Flint, MI 48505  
(810) 789-MOON (6666)  
lemoonfhflint@gmail.com  
<http://www.lawrenceemoonfuneralhome.com>

## Family hour

**AUG 23.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

New St. James Memorial C.O.G.I.C.  
2229 W. Carpenter Rd.  
Flint, MI 48505

## Funeral Service

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AUG **23**. 11:00 AM (ET)

New St. James Memorial C.O.G.I.C.  
2229 W. Carpenter Rd.  
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# Tribute Wall

RM

“ Just sitting here at work and decided to say something about my beautiful mother. Its been almost 8 months Moma since you departed this life and went to heaven. Not a day goes by that I don't think of you, I love and miss you all day and everyday. I am so proud and honored to be your son, I'm so proud on how you fought to the very end with the cancer. You were the blueprint on how to treat people with kindness, how to always love people and see the good in any situation. But most of all I remember what you told me on that last trip to the hospital... You said hold onto the Lord and you will see me in heaven!! I'm asking the Lord to give me strength to make it through Mother's Day, this will be my 1st one without you. Until I see you again Moma, love you always!!!

Robert Martion - March 23 at 09:56 PM

VG

“ Valerie Gill-Leslie lit a candle in memory of Joselyn Johnson



Valerie Gill-Leslie - August 25, 2025 at 12:04 AM

MH

“ Mrs. Joselyn I just want to Thank you for all the kindness you have ever showed me through the years you are the sweetest and most caring person I know . So with God's Grace and Love I will forever hold you close until we meet again. Love you 🙏🙏🌸  
Milua Hall

Milua Hall - August 23, 2025 at 10:05 AM

BT

“ *Bridget Thomas lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joselyn Johnson*



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**Bridget Thomas** - August 22, 2025 at 05:25 PM

FJ

“ *I can't remember ever seeing Aunt Josh without that Big Beautiful Smile on her face... I'm saddened to hear of her passing💔 Sending prayers to Robbie and Family🙏🕊️*



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**Farrah Johnson** - August 22, 2025 at 03:14 AM

DB

“ *Denise Belle lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joselyn Johnson*



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**Denise Belle** - August 20, 2025 at 10:30 PM

DJ

“ *Debra Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joselyn Johnson*



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**Debra Jackson** - August 20, 2025 at 07:11 PM

BG

“ *Brenda Duckett Greer lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joselyn Johnson*



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**Brenda Duckett Greer** - August 20, 2025 at 03:43 PM



“ *Bright and Beautiful Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Joselyn Johnson.*



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August 19, 2025 at 10:41 PM

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“ *In our journey of life we meet some amazing people Jocelyn was one of those people in my life, we're cousins but lost contact along the years .I'll cherish all the memories .*



*To the family and friends my sincere condolences ,sympathies and prayers.God's love , peace and blessings always.*

*( Hopkins-Justice family)*

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**maria Hopkins -Brown** - August 19, 2025 at 09:08 AM

AA

“ I am going to miss you Big Sister♥Heaven has gained a beautiful Angel🙏Continue watching over us♥♥♥♥



Andre and Angelic - August 16, 2025 at 09:25 AM

CD

“ Sorry for your loss she was my neighbor on Yale Ave very nice woman



Cindy Duncan - August 15, 2025 at 08:42 AM

JT

“ Janis Thorns sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Joselyn Johnson



Janis Thorns - August 12, 2025 at 01:42 PM



“ To the Family of Joselyn, Praying for the Family



Carolyn Mayo - August 11, 2025 at 10:19 PM

TJ

“ Theresa Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joselyn Johnson



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**Theresa Jackson** - August 11, 2025 at 05:13 PM

AP

“ My friend in so many areas of my life for 60 years. My Sister in Christ and watched her as she never got tired of doing God’s work. She was a devoted member of New St James Memorial COGIC. But 1st and foremost she was an amazing mother to her Son Robert and devoted grandmother to all her grandchildren. I will miss her beautiful contagious smile and all her love. . Praying for Robbie and all the family.

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**Anna Paige** - August 11, 2025 at 11:15 AM

TF

“ The Bryson Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mrs. Joselyn Johnson.



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**The Bryson Family** - August 10, 2025 at 05:45 PM

PB

“ Paris Bryson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joselyn Johnson



Paris Bryson - August 10, 2025 at 03:01 PM

MK

“ I met Ms. J during the pandemic while walking my dog, Francis, through our neighborhood. For the last 5 years, we have shared sweet treats, birthday cards, and a beautiful relationship which I will always cherish. I am grateful for her positive outlook, strong faith, and kindness. May your family find peace during these challenging times.

Peace, Gilly & Mary Kennedy- Jacob & Francis

Mary Catherine Kennedy-Jacob - August 10, 2025 at 12:05 PM

DP

“ To the family of Joslyn Johnson, you have my condolences and prayers . Been knowing Ms. Joslyn for over 30 plus years, she was one of my managers at Paige home. Such a beautiful spirit Anya great Wog. She will be missed

Dicy Powell - August 09, 2025 at 11:32 PM

CW

“ Cleola Wright-Griffis sent a virtual gift in memory of Joselyn Johnson



Cleola Wright-Griffis - August 09, 2025 at 05:25 PM

PC

“ *Paulette & Rogers Clemons lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joselyn Johnson*



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**Paulette & Rogers Clemons** - August 09, 2025 at 02:17 PM

CW

“ *Cathy Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joselyn Johnson*



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**Cathy Williams** - August 09, 2025 at 01:22 PM

WS

“ *Wyvonne Skinner sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Joselyn Johnson*



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**Wyvonne Skinner** - August 09, 2025 at 10:01 AM

BL

“ *Barbara Lakes lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joselyn Johnson*



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**Barbara Lakes** - August 09, 2025 at 09:03 AM

EC

“ *Evalyn D Coffee lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joselyn Johnson*



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**Evalyn D Coffee** - August 08, 2025 at 11:35 PM

JS

“ *Joshua Shields lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joselyn Johnson*



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**joshua shields** - August 08, 2025 at 07:03 PM



“ *Renee Massey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joselyn Johnson*



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**Renee Massey** - August 07, 2025 at 03:58 PM

JP

“ *June Perkins sent a virtual gift in memory of Joselyn Johnson*



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**June Perkins** - August 07, 2025 at 08:45 AM

PG

“ Pamela Gibson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joselyn Johnson



Pamela Gibson - August 07, 2025 at 08:17 AM

LS

“ Larry Williams Sr lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joselyn Johnson



Larry Williams Sr - August 06, 2025 at 08:52 PM

PG

“ Pamela Gibson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joselyn Johnson



Pamela Gibson - August 06, 2025 at 08:23 PM

VT

“ Valerie Toles lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joselyn Johnson



Valerie Toles - August 06, 2025 at 07:15 PM

MW

“ *Monique Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Joselyn Johnson*



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**Monique Williams** - August 06, 2025 at 07:03 PM